Holidays Around The World

AT EPCOT®

KIDS' ACTIVITY GUIDE

STORY-TELLER SCHEDULES

November 28 – December 30, 1997*

Entertainment Schedules Subject To Change Without Notice.

MEXICO

The Three Kings – 11:40 a.m., 1:55, 2:55, 3:55 and 4:45 p.m.

NORWAY

Julenissen – 11:30 a.m., 12:15, 1:00, 2:30 and 3:15 p.m.

CHINA

The Monkey King – 11:45 a.m., 12:30, 1:15, 2:00, 3:30 and 4:15 p.m.

GERMANY

Puppet Show – 12:00, 1:00, 2:00, 3:00 and 4:00 p.m.

St. Nicholas – 11:15 a.m., 12:15, 1:15, 2:15, 3:15 and 4:15 p.m.

ITALY

La Befana – 11:40 a.m., 12:30, 3:15, 4:00 and 4:45 p.m.

THE AMERICAN ADVENTURE*

Santa Greetings – 12:20, 1:55, 2:55, 3:50, 5:30, 7:00 and 8:00 p.m.

JAPAN

Tales of Daruma Seller – 11:45 a.m., 12:30, 2:20, 3:00, 3:45 and 4:30 p.m.

MOROCCO

The "Taarji" Drummer – 11:30 a.m., 12:10, 12:55, 2:25, 3:25 and 4:25 p.m.

FRANCE

Père Noël – 12:40, 1:30, 2:10, 3:00 and 4:15 p.m.

UNITED KINGDOM

Father Christmas – 11:20 a.m., 12:00, 1:00, 2:30 and 4:35 p.m.

CANADA

Canada's Santa Claus – 11:15 a.m., 12:00, 2:05, 2:50, 3:35 and 4:30 p.m.

WORLD SHOWCASE PLAZA

"A World Full Of Holiday Cheer" Character Greeting – 10:00 and 11:30 a.m., 1:30, 3:00 and 4:40 p.m.

Nightly Tree Lighting Featuring International Storytellers – 5:55 p.m.

** Santa Greetings at The American Adventure will occur November 28 – December 24, 1997*

Welcome to Holidays Around the World at Epcot! Children all over celebrate the season in different ways, but always with a spirit of giving. We hope you enjoy your travels around World Showcase. Be sure to look for story-tellers in each country who will tell you how children in their country celebrate the holidays. Check the schedule on the opposite page for showtimes. Also, stop by the KidCot Fun Stops, where you can make your own holiday decorations.

Merry Christmas God Jul Sing Goong

Feliz Navidad Bon Natale Joyeux Noël

MEXICO

During *Navidad*, Mexican families act out the journey of Mary and Joseph. For nine nights, beginning in mid-December, they visit neighbors in a candlelight procession called *posadas*. On the Epiphany in January, Mexican children celebrate *Dia de los Tres Reyes Magos*, honoring the day the Three Wise Men arrived in Bethlehem. The children leave their shoes on the doorstep the night before, and discover toys and candies in them in the morning.

MEXICAN DECORATIONS

Unscramble the letters below to write the names of five things the Mexican people use to decorate their homes during the Christmas season.

dlcanse _ _ _ _ _ _ _

gelasn _ _ _ _ _ _

aperp nalrenst _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _

hsnipsa omss _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _

DIA DE LOS TRES REYES MAGOS

During the Mexican celebration called *Dia de los Tres Reyes*, Mexican children leave _____ _____ on their doorstep in the hopes of finding toys and gifts in them the next morning. Insert the same letter in the two blanks below to solve this mystery sentence.

TH__IR SHO__S

ANSWERS: candles, angels, paper lanterns, spanish moss; E.

NORWAY

On Christmas Eve, even the farm animals celebrate with the finest oats and honey. All lights are turned off and homes are lit by the warm glow of candles. Julenissen, an elf-like gnome, is the guardian of the family, so children leave porridge out to thank him. On Christmas Day, many attend church and on Second Christmas Day, children celebrate *julbukke* by dressing in costumes and going door-to-door for treats.

Q	G	C	A	N	D	L	E	C
O	C	A	N	D	L	E	E	A
C	A	A	D	L	A	J	L	N
A	N	D	N	F	S	E	D	D
N	D	L	A	D	R	I	N	L
D	L	E	R	P	L	W	A	E
L	E	A	C	A	D	E	C	S
E	A	O	H	N	G	K	W	P
E	L	D	N	A	C	O	U	S

CHRISTMAS CANDLES

On Christmas Eve, the Norwegian people turn off all of the lights and burn only candles so that their homes are illuminated only by the warm glow of candlelight. See how many times you can find the word "candle" in the puzzle to the left.

SECRET MESSAGE

Find the secret message hidden in the letters below by crossing out all Zs, Ks, and Qs.

L Z E A V K E Q A B K O W Z L K O F
P O K R R Z I D K G E K O U Q T K Z
F O K R Z J U L E N K I S S E N Q O N
C H K R I S Q T M A S K E V Z E K Q

_____ _____ _____ _____ _____

_____ _____ _____ _____

ANSWERS: 8; Leave a bowl of porridge out for Julenissen on Christmas Eve.

CHINA

The Chinese honor the legend of *Sun hou-kong*, the Monkey King. The story goes that the Monkey King got in trouble when he stole a magic staff from the Dragon King. Buddha sealed him in a mountain, but a monk, *Thang Seng*, believed the Monkey King was sorry for what he had done and persuaded Buddha to release him. The monk and the monkey became fast friends, as well as traveling companions.

DRAGON DAYS

A dragon, the Chinese believe, chases away evil spirits before the New Year begins. How many dragons can you find in the puzzle on the right?

Q	B	D	R	A	G	O	N	C
O	D	R	A	G	O	N	E	D
D	R	A	G	O	N	J	L	R
R	G	G	N	F	S	E	D	A
A	O	O	A	D	R	I	N	G
G	T	N	R	P	L	W	A	O
O	D	R	A	G	O	N	C	N
N	A	D	R	A	G	O	N	P
E	L	D	D	R	A	G	O	N

DRESS UP

The Chinese dress in new clothes during their New Year. Unscramble the words below to find the names of clothing you may receive for the holidays.

frsac _ _ _ _ _

soehs _ _ _ _ _

tha _ _ _

tcao _ _ _ _

cksos _ _ _ _ _

hisrt _ _ _ _ _

ANSWERS: 9; scarf, shoes, hat, coat, socks, shirt.

GERMANY

On December 5th throughout Germany, St. Nicholas, a messenger for *Christkindl* (the Christ Child), visits homes to leave treats in the shoes of good children. On *Heiligabend* (Christmas Eve), children discover the *Tannenbaum* (the Christmas tree) and colorfully-wrapped gifts – presents from *Christkindl*. Folk puppet shows are especially loved by the German people at Christmastime.

GINGERBREAD JUMBLE

How many words can you make out of the word GINGERBREAD?

_____ _____

_____ _____

_____ _____

SILENT NIGHT

"Stille Nacht" is Germany's most popular Christmas song. Fill in the blanks to this best loved classic carol.

MOTHER
BRIGHT
SLEEP
PEACE
MILD
HOLY

Silent Night, _____ Night.
All is calm, all is _____.
Round yon virgin, _____ and child.
Holy Infant, so tender and _____.
Sleep in heavenly _____.
_____ in heavenly peace.

ANSWERS: Holy, bright, mother, mild, peace, Sleep.

ITALY

In Italy, Christmas is a special time to celebrate age-old traditions. *La Befana*, a good-hearted witch, climbs down chimneys to fill the shoes of children with treats. She wanders the countryside looking for *Gesu Bambino* (the baby Jesus) and leaves a trail of giving wherever she goes. There is a huge feast on Christmas Eve, followed by a ceremony around the family's *presepio*, the nativity scene of Bethlehem.

GIFTS OF THE MAGI

The visit of the Magi, or Three Wise Men, is one of the most important religious holidays in Italy. Match the gift of the Magi with the definition and purpose of that gift.

1. Gold
2. Frankincense
3. Myrrh

a. An incense, used in the worship of God
b. A spice, used in burials
C. A precious metal, given to a King

PRESEPIOS

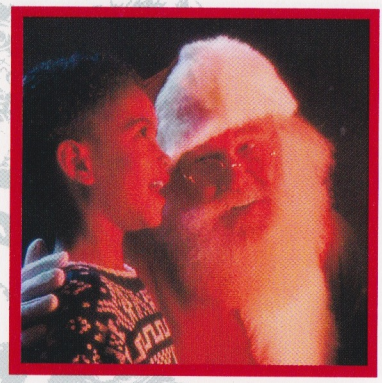
Italian families come together to build their own *Presepios* or miniature nativity scenes. When they are finished, they share their work with other families. Can you think of eight figurines that you have seen around a nativity scene?

_____ _____ _____ _____

_____ _____ _____ _____

ANSWERS: 1c, 2a, 3b; Christ Child, Mary, Joseph, angel, shepards, 3 Wise men, cattle, donkey, sheep.

UNITED STATES



The holiday season starts early in the United States – just after Thanksgiving. Many families decorate their homes with Christmas lights, holly and mistletoe, and children wait with great excitement for Santa Claus to visit on Christmas Eve. Other families celebrate in different ways. Jewish families celebrate *Hanukkah*, which begins in December and lasts eight days. During Hanukkah, the families light one candle on a *menorah*, a candelabra used in Jewish worship, every night until all eight are lit. In addition to the Christmas and Hanukkah holidays, some African Americans celebrate *Kwanzaa*, a seven day celebration of the first harvest of crops in Africa.

'TWAS THE NIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS

Which of the following words are not found in the popular American poem, "'Twas The Night Before Christmas"? You'll have to do it by memory or ask someone to help you.

CREATURE TURKEY MOUSE MONSTER BEDS CABOOSE

SUGARPLUMS STINKY SLEIGH HAMMER SHUDDER MONKEY

JELLY TRUCK HOOF SNOWMEN CHIMNEY PLATYPUS

DIMPLES BUBBLEGUM CHERRY ICICLES TORNADO

VISIONS SHIP ELF

ANSWERS: Every other word starting at CREATURE is found in the poem.

JAPAN

O-*Shógatsu*, which lasts from January 1st to the 3rd, is the traditional Japanese New Year. It is a time of reflection, family, friends, food and fun. Bells ring out from the temples throughout the country. The Japanese put a plum blossom called *Kadomatsu* on their front entrance. This flower, which grows even in cold weather, represents hope and strength for the New Year. An important New Year symbol and good luck charm is the *Daruma* doll, which has no color in its eyes. The custom is to make a wish and paint the color in the left eye. If your wish comes true before the end of the year, you paint the color in the other eye.

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

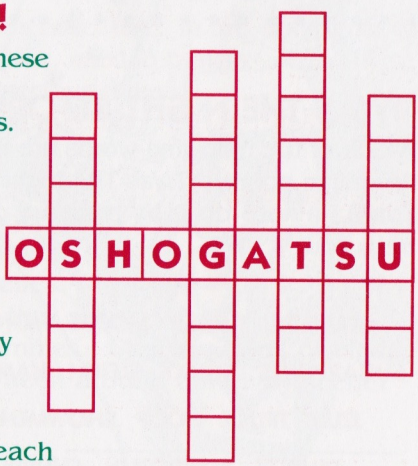
Place the following Japanese New Year words in the appropriate spaces.

OMISOKA – the night before New Year

O-SHOGATSU – or "Big New Year" celebration

GANJITSU – the first day of the Japanese New Year

DARUMA – a doll used each New Year for good luck



MOROCCO

A *shoora*, a festive, music-filled day in Morocco, means "ten" and happens on the 10th day of the first month of the Islamic New Year. During the afternoon, families gather for the Feast of Ashoora and children are given new clothes, sweets, toys and a special drum called a *taarja*. Bonfires are built in the streets at sunset, and children sing and dance around them for hours.

ASHOORA CELEBRATION!

Which three of the following would NOT be found in the celebration of Ashoora?

TAARJA BONFIRE FRUITS MINT TEA

SALTWATER TAFFY FIGS NUTS NINTENDO DANCING

GAVTA (FLUTE) SNOW SLED NEW CLOTHES

FRUIT FRENZY

Fruit is a common holiday treat in Morocco. How many different types of fruit can you think of?

_____

_____

_____

_____

ANSWERS: Saltwater Taffy, Snow Sled, Nintendo.

FRANCE

The magic of Christmas can be seen all over France. Most churches and homes display a *crèche* (nativity scene) surrounded by candles. A special Yule log is burned in the fire. After Midnight Mass, it's time for *le Reveillon,* a feast of ham, goose, oysters, salads and buckwheat cake. Children then put shoes around the Christmas tree in anticipation of *le Père Noël,* who will fill them with goodies.

FRENCH ORNAMENTS

Unscramble the letters below to discover what objects French children use to decorate their Christmas tree.

lnargad _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _

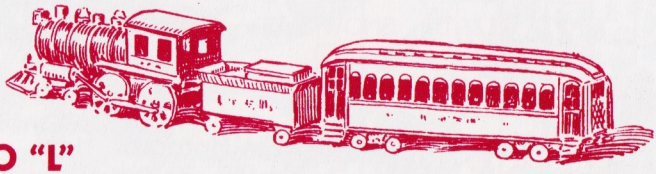
eslgbo _ _ _ _ _ _ _

cilcsei _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _

sunt _ _ _ _ _

srtas _ _ _ _ _

palpse _ _ _ _ _ _



NO "L"

Cross out every "L" in the message below to find the meaning of *Joyeux Noël.*

L L M L L E L R L L R L L L Y L C L L L L H L R
L L I L S L L L T L L M L L A L L S L L

_ _

ANSWERS: garland, globes, icicles, nuts, stars, apples; Merry Christmas.

UNITED KINGDOM

Many Christmas traditions come from the countries of the United Kingdom, including several carols that we sing today. The hanging of the mistletoe is one of the oldest customs. Each time a kiss occurred under the mistletoe, a young man would pick off a berry until all the berries were gone. Father Christmas, with his long white beard, scarlet robe and crown of holly, is treasured as a jolly gift-bearer, bringing joy to children.

THAT DARN SCROOGE

Scrooge has rearranged these trees to hide the name of this popular character from Charles Dicken's *A Christmas Carol.* Organize the trees from biggest to smallest to find this person's name.

_____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____

MISSING MELODY

Fill in the blanks with the words on the side to find the missing words to this Christmas Carol.

BLESS
GOOSE
PENNY
CHRISTMAS
HAT
HALF

_____ is coming
The _____ is getting fat.
Please put a penny in the old man's
_____.
If you haven't got a _____,
A half-penny will do.
If you haven't got a _____-penny,
Then God _____ you.

ANSWERS: Tiny Tim; Christmas, goose, hat, penny, half, bless.

CANADA

Christmas in Canada includes many beloved traditions like trimming a freshly-cut evergreen tree and singing Christmas carols. Santa Claus travels the vast, beautiful expanse of Canada to find out who has been naughty or nice. The holidays are always a wonderful time for the children of Canada, whether they speak English, French or Inuit. On December 26, Canada also celebrates "Boxing Day," a tradition of giving boxes of gifts to the servants, tradesmen and poor.

SNOW BUSINESS

Don't get "snowed" by these riddles.

You pack it and throw it. Snow _____

He has a carrot nose. Snow _____

There are no two alike. Snow _____

HOLIDAY MATCH GAME

Canada has many rich holiday traditions. Can you match the words below with their correct meanings?

1. NALUYUKS — A. A meat-filled pie enjoyed by many Canadians during their holiday dinner
2. BOXING DAY — B. Honors an old English tradition of filling Christmas boxes for the poor
3. TOURTIERES — C. Mysterious characters who visit Eskimo children on Epiphany (Jan.6)
4. MUMMERS — D. Masked pantomime merrimakers who, according to old English tradition, go from house to house during Christmas season

ANSWERS: ball, man, flake; 1.C, 2.B, 3.A, 4.D.

CHARACTER GREETINGS

Character Greetings are indicated on the map by round portraits of the Characters that are featured at each location.

KIDCOT FUN STOPS

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HOLIDAYS AROUND THE WORLD

When you visit a country in World Showcase, have a Cast Member write their holiday greeting..

MEXICO	NORWAY	CHINA
GERMANY	ITALY	THE AMERICAN ADVENTURE
JAPAN	MOROCCO	FRANCE
UNITED KINGDOM	CANADA	

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